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Dear Sir:

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

This Amendment and Response to Restriction Requirement is filed in response to the office action dated December 10, 2001. Applicant requests a three month extension of the response period to and including April 10, 2002, and encloses a check in payment of the fee required for the extension and the newly added claims for a small entity. The examiner is also advised that Mr. Harry Watson, formerly attorney of record for this application, has now retired and that the undersigned, of the same firm, now has power of attorney to prosecute this application. A supplemental power of attorney also accompanies this response.